

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let me take you back to another time, 1986, and at that time, America had a problem with illegal immigration. They said we had about 3 million illegals here in the country. And in that debate, many people said that we needed to provide amnesty to those who were working here because we couldn't deport all of them and our country needed the labor.

In exchange for granting amnesty, Congress and the American people were promised that the Federal Government would vigorously enforce our border. The illegal aliens got amnesty all right, and many became citizens, even though they violated the law to get here. But the Federal Government did not secure our border. The results of that action? An estimated 12 million more illegal aliens in our country today.

Some are again calling for amnesty with a promise for stronger border controls. But the American people are not buying it again, and neither is a majority of this House. The American people and a majority of this House are demanding border security first.

And as the Who said, "We won't be fooled again!"

No amnesty.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE MOX PROGRAM

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, during my service, I have worked with my colleagues from South Carolina and Georgia, especially GRESHAM BARRETT and CHARLIE NORWOOD and our four U.S. Senators, to ensure a mixed oxide facility is built at the Savannah River Site. Two weeks ago, we were grateful when 396 Members of Congress voted for the defense authorization bill and approved a measure which funds and delinks the U.S.-Russia MOX programs.

After celebrating this tremendous victory, we were extremely disappointed to learn that there is an effort to eliminate all funding for the MOX program. While I respect my colleagues, I strongly disagree with their decision and will continue to fight for this critical funding to be restored in the coming weeks.

I believe the MOX program is the most viable way for America to reduce its excess plutonium supply, and we must move forward with our non-proliferation commitments as we end future storage in South Carolina.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

VETERANS IDENTITY PROTECTION ACT

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, many of us are talking about our veterans. And as we approach Memorial Day, it has been with great sorrow and great concern that we have noticed some of the headlines and the information on personal data of veterans being stolen. That is of tremendous concern to us, and I want to thank Chairman BUYER and the Veterans' Affairs Committee for their prompt actions in addressing this issue.

I also would like to call to the attention of the House a piece of legislation that my colleague, Representative SIMMONS, and I are working on. It is the Veterans Identity Protection Act of 2006. We will be filing the bill on Friday. Mr. SIMMONS is a Vietnam veteran, and he understands the problems that veterans face every day.

We know that veterans have placed their faith in the government to responsibly protect their personal information, and that that trust has been damaged. That is why the Blackburn-Simmons bill requires that more stringent controls be placed on the management of personal data. We also want to help those veterans monitor their credit to be certain that no one has stolen their identities.

Government has an obligation to these men and women who have been breached in the loss of this information, and we want to be certain that that obligation is met. Mr. Speaker, I would commend the legislation to each of our colleagues and encourage them to join with us in supporting the veterans of this great Nation.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4755

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be withdrawn as a cosponsor H.R. 4755, the Federal Aviation Administration Fair Labor Management Dispute Resolution Act of 2006.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOOZMAN). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

THE CASE FOR BEING IN IRAQ

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, public opinion polls show shrinking support for the war in Iraq. No doubt the nonstop media coverage questioning President Bush's motives for going to war have contributed greatly to these poll numbers.

But where is the coverage of the progress being made in Iraq? A recent 230-page Pentagon report analyzing thousands of Iraqi documents and interviews with officials from Saddam Hussein's regime is extremely enlightening.

The report shows Saddam's well-established support of terrorist activities

dating back to 1994. This includes the establishment of terror training camps within Iraq's borders, and one document shows Saddam's son, Uday, coordinating a martyrdom operation called Blessed July aimed at targets in the West.

Russian President Putin has publicly stated that Russian Special Services had received information that Saddam's officials were preparing attacks on the U.S., and he reported this to the U.S.

Mr. Speaker, it is time the American people hear more about the facts that supported our decision to go to war. We must maintain our resolve to fight extremist terrorists, and we must finish the job in Iraq.

INTRODUCTION OF ZERO BASELINE BUDGET ACT

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Republican leadership on passing a budget resolution for fiscal year 2007. However, I must point out that the resolution we passed last week provides for a \$27 billion increase in nonemergency discretionary spending over fiscal year 2006, when we spent more than we did in fiscal year 2005, when we spent more than we did in fiscal year 2004, and so on.

The Federal Government has a long track record of spending more money than it takes in. Our fiscal irresponsibility has to stop somewhere. That is why I am introducing today a bill titled the Zero Baseline Budget Act of 2006. This bill will amend the misnamed so-called Balanced Budget Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, which instructs Congress to continue spending more money than it takes in every year by creating a budget baseline that automatically increases over the previous year's spending.

The Zero Baseline Budget Act will instruct the CBO to provide a baseline that has no automatic increases and does not contain emergency and supplemental spending over the previous year. The baseline for the next year will merely be the sum of the year-long spending bills in effect for the current year.

This way, an increase is an increase, a cut is a cut, and the status quo is neither. What a novel idea, for the government to say what it actually means.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on the motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record vote on the postponed question will be taken later today.